

REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement, the applicant elects, with traverse, as a single particular species from each group the following:

1. phenylpropanoids of claim 2: Ajuga reptans.
2. flavonoids in claim 3: resveratrol
3. isoprenoid derivatives of claim 4: tocopherols
4. application routes of claims 5 and 9: topical application (claim 5)
5. different antioxidants of claim 8: phenylpropanoids

Claim 1 is readable on all of the elected species.

Claim 2 is readable on the Ajuga reptans species.

Claim 3 is readable on the resveratrol species.

Claim 4 is readable on the tocopherols species.

Claims 5 and 9 are readable on the topical administration species.

Claims 2 and 8 are readable on the phenylpropanoids species.

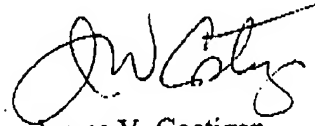
The provisions of PCT Rule 13.1 do not provide for the issuance of an issuance of a requirement for the election of a single species for examination.

The general inventive concept of the present invention is the regulation of the trophism of the follicles and/or the skin production of sebum which is common to the species groups set forth in the Office Action. For these reasons, it is requested that the election of species requirement be withdrawn

Claim 1 has been amended to include subject matter that was present in the specification but was deleted when the Preliminary Amendment was filed.

An early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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